Both the books contain false and distorted versions of history and Government do not endorse the contents thereof.

Central assistance for leprosy eradication programme

3101. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the extent of Central assistance in kind and cash for the leprosy eradication programme in the country during 1987-88 and what is the percentage of rise in the Central assistance as compared to the assistance given during 1985-86 and 1986-87 ;

(b) what is the percentage of rise/fall in the incidence of leprosy during 1988 as compared to the previous year 1987 ;

(c) what is the percentage of utilisation of the Central assistance by the State Governments during 1988 for leprosy eradication programme stating the names of the States which have not utilised the Central assistance in full and the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what percentage of the cured leprosy patients have been rehabilitated against the target, if any, at the end of 1988 stating the names of the States which are lagging behind and the steps contemplated by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (d) The following Central Assistance has been released to the States/Union Territories during the last three years :

Years	Amount released			%Rise(+) %Fall(—) over previous year
	Cash	Kind	Total (Rs. in lakhs)	
1985-86	764.14	467.58	1231.72	..
1986-87	773.18	435.00	1208.18	(—)1.91
1987-88	1097.50	372.50	1470.00	(+)21.67

The prevalence rate of leprosy was 0.58% in 1961, 0.58% in 1971 and 0 57% in 1981. Prevalance rates are not available on annual basis. There is a slight increase in the number of cases detected in 1988 as compared to 1987. This is due to the increased programme activities, extension of MDT to new academic districts and creation of additional leprosy staff. Year-wise case detection for last three years is given as under :—

1985-86 . . .	4,77,152
1986-87 . . .	5,07,958
1987-88 . . .	5,19,434

The number of cured leprosy patients is increasing every year and, during 1987-88, the discharge rate was 10% more than the new cases detected.

The funds released as Central Assistance by Govt. to the State Governments and Union Territory Administration for the Leprosy Eradication Programme during the year 1987-88 have been fully utilised.

75 Reconstructive surgery Units and 13 Leprosy Rehabilitation Promotion Units are providing rehabilitation services to the cured lep-

rosy patients. Ministry of Welfare are providing financial assistance to six major Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare and rehabilitation of leprosy cured persons. During 1987-88, the number of beneficiaries were 699. There is no target fixed for rehabilitating cured leprosy patients under the programme.

आई एन एस डी ओ सी में पदोन्नतियों के लिए साक्षात्कार

3102. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मूल्यांकन नीति के अधीन आई एन एस डी ओ सी (सी एस आई आर) ने विभागीय तकनीकी अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों की पदोन्नतियों के लिए नवम्बर, और दिसम्बर, 1988 में साक्षात्कार किए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी पदोन्नति समितियां बनाई गई, कितने व्यक्तियों को पदोन्नति किया गया और कितने व्यक्ति अभी भी पदोन्नत किए जाने शेष हैं ;

(ग) क्या अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के कर्मचारियों के लिए बनाई गई विभागीय पदोन्नति समितियों में अनुसूचित जातियों के किसी प्रतिनिधि को नियुक्त किया गया था; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो, सम्बन्ध समिति के प्रभारी और कर्मचारियों के बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

विज्ञान और राज्य मंत्री तथा [illegible], ऊर्जा, इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और अंतरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) और (ख) वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद (सी एस आई आर) के पहले उपनियम 71(बी), और नवीन भर्ती और मूल्यांकन योजना के अंतर्गत अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों का मूल्यांकन करने के लिए नवम्बर, और दिसम्बर, 1988 महीनों में आई एन एस डी ओ सी (इन्सडॉक) में मूल्यांकन समिति की चौदहें बैठकें हुई थीं । पदोन्नति किए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या–72 है। पदोन्नत किए जाने के लिए 76 व्यक्ति शेष रह गए, जिनमें से 19 व्यक्तियों को वर्ष 1989 के फरवरी माह में पदोन्नति किया जा चुका है।

(ग) और (घ) इन समितियों में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति का कोई प्रतिनिधि मनोनीत नहीं किया गया । इस भूल की जांच करने के लिए नियुक्त की गई जांच समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है । जांच समिति रिपोर्ट की संस्तुतियों के आधार पर अग्रिम कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

Grant of Dependent Pension

3103. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence *vide* their letter No. 8/(325)/86D/Pen-A, dated 27th February, 1987 had agreed to the parents of officers of the rank of Lieutenant of 4 Maratha LI who died on July 25, 1985, but CDA (Pension) Allahabad has not released the pension as yet ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Members of Parliament have written for the immediate release of dependent pension ;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not releasing pension for such a long time ; and

(d) the time CDA (Pension) Allahabad will take to release the dependent pension to the parents of the deceased officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND